



Melissa Rousseau, 6, of Fernway Street, shows off her new kite she's ready to fly behind CHS. [Photo by Greg Derr]

Selectmen Favor Town Meeting Article Removing Police From Civil Service

Selectmen commented last week at the request of the Committee to Survey the Structure of Town Government, on the proposed article in the annual town meeting warrant that would exempt future policemen from Civil Service.

"Civil Service is unnecessary," said Selectman Arthur Clark. "We have unions and collective bargaining now. Civil Service is too bulky and unwieldy a thing to work through. It's the most mixed up mess you ever saw up there."

Selectman Mary Jeanette Murray took a similar stance. "It took us eight months to get a permanent intermittent list. Their computer is always broken down, and the men in the Police Department are being hurt, as well as the town for being minus police officers because it takes so long for names to come down."

Selectman Henry Ainslie agreed, and commented that a Civil Service examination isn't going to yield a person better qualified than if hired

solely by Selectmen. He noted that the passing grade for the Civil Service police officer's test is still being decided in court.

Selectmen said they would develop a testing system for

determining the qualifications of a police officer as well as periodic physical and psychological evaluations. They plan to include with the article regulations for police officers not hired under Civil Service.

Democrats Caucus Saturday

All Cohasset registered Democrats are eligible to vote at a caucus Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Cushing Room of Cushing Plaza for delegates to the state Democratic Charter Convention May 19.

The convention will enable

all Democrats in Massachusetts to participate in adoption of state party charter.

Cohasset is entitled to five delegates. For further information, contact Democratic Town Committee Chairman Patricia Walsh at 383-1489.

Portuguese Festival At CCC

Jean Salvador, director of special events at the Community Center, has announced there will be a Portuguese Festival at the center May 19.

The event will feature an appearance by a troupe of professional folk dancers, live music, pony rides, a flea

market, native cuisine and games for children.

To volunteer to help prepare this event, call Mrs. Salvador at 383-1160; and to reserve a flea market table, call Regina Schultz at 383-0598.

Laytin Photography Coming To Art Center

Photography by Peter Laytin will be featured in the Invitational Gallery of the South Shore Art Center at 103 Ripley Road from April 1 through April 28. The public is invited to the reception to meet Mr. Laytin Sunday, April 1 from 5 to 7.

Laytin's photographs of every day objects and landscapes are filled with dramatic contrasts of light and shade and often focus on unusual textures. His work is currently on exhibit at Fnac in Chatelet, Paris, France and will travel to other French galleries throughout the next year. He has exhibited at the Carl Siembab Gallery in Boston, the Photographic Gallery in Southampton, England and

the University of Delaware.

His photographs are in the collections of La Bibliotheque Nationale, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Fogg Museum, MIT and the Polaroid Corporation. They have been published in the *British Journal of Photography*, *Close-up* and *Aperture*.

Laytin is presently the head of photography curriculum in the Communications/Media department at Fitchburg State College and was previously an Assistant Professor and Co-director of the MIT Creative Photography Lab in Cambridge.

The South Shore Art Center Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12-4 and Saturday from 10-1.



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